

What is claimed is:

1. A wireless communication apparatus comprising:

wireless communication means for carrying out data  
communication via a wireless communication network with an  
5 imaging apparatus having communication means for sending image  
data obtained by capturing means to the wireless communication  
network; and

temporary storage means for temporarily storing the image  
data sent from the imaging apparatus, wherein

10 the wireless communication equipment is connected via a  
wired communication line to a printing system for carrying out  
printing processing on the image data.

2. The wireless communication apparatus according to  
Claim 1, wherein the printing system comprises:

15 an image server connected to the wireless communication  
apparatus via the wired communication line, for storing the  
image data sent from the wireless communication apparatus; and  
a mini-laboratory for generating printed matter based on  
the image data stored in the image server.

20 3. The wireless communication apparatus according to  
Claim 1, wherein the printing system is installed in a DPE store.

4. The wireless communication apparatus according to  
Claim 1, wherein the wired communication line is an ADSL.

5. The wireless communication apparatus according to  
25 Claim 1, wherein the communication means of the imaging

apparatus is installed in a communication chip.

6. The wireless communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the imaging apparatus sends order information representing the content of a printing order regarding the image data, together with the image data.

7. A printing system comprising:  
an image server connected to at least one wireless communication apparatus of Claim 1 via the wired communication line, for storing the image data sent from the wireless communication apparatus or apparatuses; and

a mini-laboratory for generating printed matter based on the image data stored in the image server.

8. The printing system according to Claim 7, wherein the printing system is installed in a DPE store.

9. The printing system according to Claim 7, wherein the wired communication line is an ADSL.

10. A network printing system comprising at least one wireless communication apparatus of Claim 1 and at least one printing system of Claim 7.